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Colorado Milk Production

Thank you for participating in our Quarterly Milk Production Report for July 1, 2009. Your participation allows us to compile statistics reflective of the continued importance of the dairy industry in our state and nation. The following text and tables are the results of the recently conducted nationwide survey. Complete survey results are available on the web at: www.nass.usda.gov

Colorado dairy herds produced 249 million pounds of milk during June 2009, up 1 million pounds from last June's production, but down 10 million pounds from May's production. The average number of cows, at 126,000, is down from 128,000 cows last month and down from the 129,000 cows from the beginning of the year. The average milk per cow for the month of June was 1,980 pounds per cow, up from 1,940 pounds per cow last year. Colorado is second in the nation in milk production per cow (see table below).

Milk Cows and Production: By State, June 2008-2009

State	Milk Cows <u>1/</u>		Milk Per Cow <u>2/</u>		Milk Production <u>2/</u>		Change From 2008
	2008	2009	2008	2009	2008	2009	
	1,000 Head		Pounds		Million Pounds		Percent
AZ	186	176	1,950	1,940	363	341	-6.1
CA	1,847	1,810	1,850	1,810	3,417	3,276	-4.1
CO	128	126	1,940	1,980	248	249	0.4
FL	120	116	1,440	1,530	173	177	2.3
ID	551	552	1,900	1,880	1,047	1,038	-0.9
IL	102	102	1,565	1,570	160	160	
IN	166	168	1,650	1,655	274	278	1.5
IA	216	215	1,660	1,710	359	368	2.5
KS	116	118	1,680	1,735	195	205	5.1
MI	351	358	1,860	1,890	653	677	3.7
MN	463	469	1,585	1,620	734	760	3.5
MO	110	109	1,240	1,195	136	130	-4.4
NM	340	327	1,970	2,050	670	670	
NY	626	623	1,680	1,720	1,052	1,072	1.9
OH	282	276	1,560	1,570	440	433	-1.6
OR	114	114	1,660	1,625	189	185	-2.1
PA	546	545	1,630	1,630	890	888	-0.2
TX	417	428	1,690	1,710	705	732	3.8
UT	85	83	1,780	1,785	151	148	-2.0
VT	140	135	1,565	1,550	219	209	-4.6
VA	98	96	1,410	1,520	138	146	5.8
WA	244	241	1,970	1,970	481	475	-1.2
WI	1,252	1,257	1,650	1,690	2,066	2,124	2.8
23-State Total	8,500	8,444	1,736	1,746	14,760	14,741	-0.1

1/ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh.

2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.